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Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Father Schlegel. He is president of the University of San Francisco. He has been endorsed by Senator HATFIELD and Sheila Burke. We are very pleased to have him with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father John Schlegel, office of the president, University of San Francisco, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

God, designer of life and author of all that is good and beautiful. We know You to be a God of harmony and wholeness; a God who seeks justice and rewards goodness.

You give to Your daughters and sons many gifts, talents, opportunities, and challenges. You have endowed those elected to this Chamber great opportunities and great responsibility in conducting the public work of this land for the common good of all.

As they deliberate may they be motivated by service and guided by conscience.

Grant the Members of this Senate and the whole Congress: wisdom to their minds; clearness in their thinking; truth in their speaking; love in their hearts; and enthusiasm for their work. Help them be a source of unity not division. Help them be seekers of justice and forgers of equality. Help them to set the interest of the Nation above all else.

Guide them, finally, to exercise their power to assist our fellow citizens to feed the hungry among us; to ease the burden of those in pain; and to make our country, our communities, and our homes better places to live and to work.

As we make this prayer today as every day, we make it in confidence knowing You are a God of faithfulness and covenant, a God of love, a God of peace. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Wyoming.

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, let me say this morning that the time for the two leaders has been reserved, and the Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 1158, the supplemental appropriations and rescissions bill. It is the hope of the majority leader that a unanimous-consent agreement can be reached that will enable the Senate to complete action on the supplemental appropriations bill today.

If an agreement cannot be reached, Senators are to be reminded that a cloture vote on the Hatfield substitute is scheduled for 2 p.m. today. Members should be aware that rollcall votes could occur throughout the day.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADERSHIP TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time has been reserved.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 1158, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Hatfield amendment No. 420, in the nature of a substitute.

D'Amato amendment No. 427 (to amendment No. 420) to require congressional approval of aggregate annual assistance to any foreign entity using the exchange stabilization fund established under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code, in an amount that exceeds \$5 billion.

Murkowski-D'Amato amendment No. 441 (to amendment No. 427) of a perfecting nature.

Daschle amendment No. 445 (to amendment No. 420) in the nature of a substitute.

Dole (for Ashcroft) amendment No. 446 (to amendment No. 445) in the nature of a substitute.

Mr. THOMAS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming is now recognized.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, this request has been agreed to by both the minority and the majority leaders.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of the conference report to accompany

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